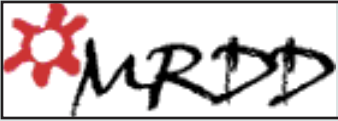


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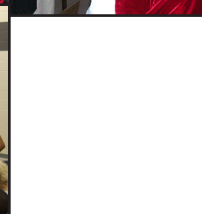
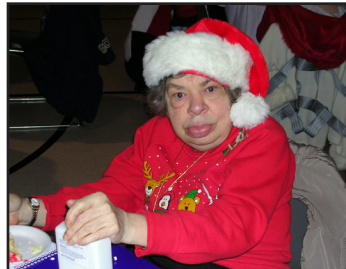
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Celebrating the Holidays



Transportation Department



On Sunday January 28th, the Transportation Department hosted a benefit Pasta Dinner for Hazel Schuller, who recently underwent emergency surgery. The dinner served over 525 hungry guests and provided a warm moment for the guest of honor who commented " I didn't know that I had so many friends.."

Hazel, a long time MCBMRDD employee, is a 12 month driver currently working on a Meshel MASCO route. The benefit dinner was held at Leonard Kirtz School with a menu that included Pasta, meatballs, bread, salad and cake. A Chinese Auction was also held with prizes ranging from A Mountaineer Getaway Package to a Date Night Package with dinner and movie tickets. ***Best Wishes Hazel for a speedy recovery.***



Leonard Kirtz School

Leonard Kirtz School celebrated the holidays with a group effort. They participate in efforts of international good will by sending ornaments and care packages to servicemen and women



overseas and conducted a local charity drive to help children at home with toys. Staff organized an informational program on Christmas celebrations around the world complete with customs, foods and costumes. LKS Staff completed the holiday season by posing

for a group picture that can be shared and remembered as a special part of the holiday season. Because of this effort, I would encourage other program staff to pose for perpetuity. I would like to take group photos of all building staff and make copies available to staff. Let me know what you think of the idea.

Community Services

Starting before Thanksgiving and continuing through Christmas and the New Year Holiday, it is hard to find time to get everything done. The Community Services Department and Meshel MASCO teamed up to make local families a little happier this year by supplying a feast fit for a king (or queen.) The goods were donated by staff, consumers and friends of the Boardman workshop with assistance from The Community Services Department who selected families that could benefit from the overwhelming generosity of caring individuals. Taking care of one another through a joint effort is another way MCBMRDD cares.



The Centre @ Javit Court

I have often heard the phrase "Giving from the Heart", well the staff at the Centre have really taken this literally.. The American Red Cross held a Blood drive at the Centre at Javit Court and received an enthusiastic response that sets our program apart from other locations visited by the relief agency. Under the direction of Jim Groner and with assistance from other program elements, the MCBMRDD gave the "gift of life" to assist those in need. The drives at the Centre have drawn very good participation from staff and the community. The Red Cross recognized the efforts of Mr. Groner as a Mahoning Valley Hero for his work with several civic organizations. The staff at The Centre @ Javit Court take pride in creating new ways to help people. From thanking service men and women with cards over Thanksgiving to collecting pop tabs throughout the year, the staff has excelled at seeing a need and stepping up to help.



Bev MASCO

New sports equipment surrounds the workshop floor at Bev MASCO providing beneficial exercise, leisure and recreation for many consumers to use and enjoy. Basketball hoops, shuffle-



board table, foosball table, bumper pool, target net, spin and win game, air hockey

tables, corn hole toss, pool table and a bowling game were purchased through special donations by family and friends of MCBMRDD. The equipment was purchased by the habilitation department with donations from the Nelson, Wolfgang, Defrances and Jackett families. Wal-Mart also donated monies through the efforts of the James Patterson family. These donations have provided endless hours of fun for many consumers.



Meshel MASCO

At Meshel the jar is always more than half full, in fact it is brimming over with generosity and a focused effort to give back to the community. The annual Fill-a-Jar Drive kicked off with charitable contributions from consumers, staff and friends. The Boardman workshop was able to deliver over 75 theme gifts to local relief agencies. Recipients included: the Salvation Army, the Rescue Mission and an individual family in need. These timely efforts helped to make the Holiday brighter for children in our area. The responsibility of helping someone have a better day is not just a job for the staff at Meshel, but a conscientiousness that is carried with them outside the walls of the workshop.



Staff profile: Focus on Excellence

"You deserve a medal"

The MCBMRDD would like to recognize the following employees with landmark years of service, CONGRATULATIONS!

28 years

Laura MacCartney	09/05/78	Instructor Assistant	LKS
Rosanne Morell	09/05/78	Instructor	LKS

29 years

Cynthia Dundee	09/06/77	Instructor Assistant	LKS
Patricia Heini	11/21/77	Secretary	LKS
Kevan Larson	01/31/77	Driver	Transportation
Debbie McGarry	06/20/77	Workshop Specialist	Bev
Deborah Ringer	10/17/77	Workshop Specialist	Centre @ Javit
Maurus Picciano	02/07/77	Dir of Admin Serv	Board
Elizabeth Zelinka	09/06/77	Instructor	LKS

30 years

Pamela Oliver	08/30/76	Workshop Specialist	Meshel
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31 years

Linda Murray	09/01/75	Workshop Specialist	Bev
Cheryl Ranshaw	09/01/75	Workshop Specialist	Bev

32 years

Nancy O'Patchen	09/03/74	Instructor	LKS
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35 years

Andrea Pernotto	09/07/71	Recently Retired	LKS
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42 years

Jane Scott	02/01/64	Instructor	LKS
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**The above dates are based on anniversary of hiring and do not reflect extended time off due to any circumstances (See Editor's note on page seven)*



Bits and pieces

Thank You
MRDD



January is School Board Recognition Month. Thank You MCBMRDD

"I do the very best I know how- the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, What's said against me won't amount to any thing. If the end brings me out wrong, Ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

Abraham Lincoln

Harvey, Kathy and Paul



Congratulations on 75 Library Night Performances

Congratulations to the Farbmman Family on 75 Library Night Performances at Bev Road

What's going on

- February 8. Library Night, 7:00 at Bev
- February 12, MCBMRDD Board Meeting, 6:00 at LKS
- February 15, LKS Conference Night, 3:30 to 9:30 at LKS
- February 19, Presidents Day, All Board Programs Closed
- February 23, Valentine's Candlelight Dinner and Dance, 6:00 at Meshel
- **March is MRDD Awareness Month**



Who am I ?

Last issue Dorothy aka Bob Sikora

The following interview was conducted with an MCBMRDD employee. Who is it?
Submit your guess to piden@zoominternet.net

1. Where were you born? *"Youngstown, Ohio"*
2. What are your hobbies and interests? *"Family, walking, bicycling"*
3. What is your favorite movie? *"Stepmom"*
4. Where is your favorite place to be? *"Home"*
5. What makes you happy? *"Being with family and friends"*
6. If you could meet anyone living or dead, who would it be?
"Princess Diana and John F. Kennedy"
7. What is the reason you work for MCBMRDD? *"It is fulfilling to watch the consumers grow and see the smiles on their faces"*
8. Describe yourself in five words or less. *"Short, Sassy and Fun to be with"*
9. What is your biggest success in life to this point? *"Raising two children to be fine adults"*
10. What is something you would really like to do in the future? *"Looking forward to watching my family grow and retiring to a beach somewhere warm"*



Editor's Note: The logo last month was hidden in the Wellness Day Poster on the cover. Good Luck this month! The "Just the Facts" section has been removed from this edition and may return in the future. If you hear a rumor, let me know and I will try to address it for you and quote the source of the information or at least tell you "I don't know." The Staff Profile of individuals with 28 to 42 years of service may be imprecise, if I missed your name, please contact me and I will add your name to a later publication.